

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2019 - 0815

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize the Executive Director to present the expanded water quality monitoring networks to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, begin deployment of the enhanced water quality monitoring networks, and negotiate and enter into an agreement to provide the District with funding to implement an expanded monitoring network to support the Governor's Executive Order 19-12.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order 19-12 instructed all five water management districts to increase transparency and accountability by providing data and information to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to support key water quality restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order 19-12 instructed all water management districts to review budgets and prioritize available funding to focus on projects that will help address harmful algae blooms and maximize nutrient reductions; and

WHEREAS, the funding will expand the South Florida Water Management District monitoring program within the Northern Everglades which includes the Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie River, and Caloosahatchee River Watersheds, and within Lake Okeechobee. The expansion includes increasing the number of monitored sites, frequency of collection, and parameters analyzed. The additional monitoring is expected to provide critical scientific data to facilitate progress toward developing initiatives to reduce the adverse impacts of blue-green algal blooms. Additionally, the data will support the State's efforts to achieve Total Maximum Daily Loads under the Basin Management Action Plans in the Northern Everglades.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby authorizes the Executive Director to present the expanded water quality monitoring networks to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, begin deployment of the enhanced water quality monitoring networks, and negotiate and enter into an agreement to provide the District with funding to implement an expanded monitoring network to support the Governor's Executive Order 19-12.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2019.